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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/974,627

Applicant(s)

CUTLER, ROBERT T.

Examiner

Chieh M Fan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM
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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/10/01.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 7-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 October 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02142002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The quality of the hand-drawn drawings filed with the application on 10/10/2001 is not good. Further, drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch). Accordingly, replacement drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to this Office action. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 4-6 and 10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claims 4-6, " H_k " and " H_{k+1} " recited in line 6 of each of the claims 4-6 need to be defined.

Regarding claim 10, "designating a frequency response of the signal path at a predetermined frequency" in lines 3-4 should be changed to --- designating the

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frequency response of the signal path at the predetermined frequency --- (emphasis added), since such limitation has been recited in claim 4.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-3 and 7-9 are allowed. Claims 4-6 and 10 would allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.

Claims 1-10 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach or suggest "equating a frequency response of the receiver when the receiver is adjusted to the first spectral position to the frequency response of the receiver when the receiver is adjusted to the second spectral position, extracting a first combined frequency response of the receiver and the signal path at at least three predesignated frequencies within the non-zero bandwidth of the stimulus signal, extracting a second combined frequency response of the receiver and the signal path at a set of frequencies within the non-zero bandwidth of the stimulus signal offset from the at least three predesignated frequencies by the predetermined frequency offset, and determining the frequency response of the receiver from the first combined frequency response and the second combined frequency response."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Zangi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,322), Piirainen (U.S. Patent No. 6,748,031), Dalebroux et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,636,722), Masenten (U.S. Patent No. 6,535,560), Tsui et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,385,237), Gothe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,131), Niva et al. (US 2002/0154719).

5. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Drawings objections and claim objections.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

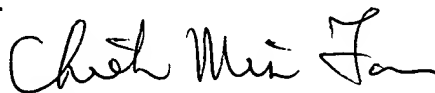
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chieh M Fan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3042. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:30PM, Alternate Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chieh M Fan".

Chieh M Fan
Primary Examiner
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